



June 2026 Edition:

In the Canvas Newsletter we will discuss updates or changes in Canvas, changes at the University regarding distance education, and changes in software integrations inside Canvas. All Canvas updates will be available in Canvas by the 3rd weekend of the month.

This newsletter will replace the release notes found in the help menu of Canvas, as not all the release notes affect ECSU; as well there are other updates and changes that are left out of those notes, which will be covered here.

Canvas Courses

Differentiation tags

You can use differentiation tags to assign specific content to customized sets of students, which are not visible to students. Differentiation tags are not retained during course exports or imports. Each course is limited to 40 tags total and 10 variants per tag set. There is no limit to the total number of tags a student can have. By default, a student can be assigned multiple tags; however, if a Tag Set is configured as 'Single Tag,' a student can only be assigned one tag from that specific set. To learn more [click here](#).

Improved Quiz Accommodation Tray

The quiz accommodation tray in New Quizzes has been redesigned for clarity and ease of use. Instructors can apply time adjustments and reopen a student's quiz attempt in a single action. The tray also shows a real-time breakdown of all time sources, the base quiz time, any course-level accommodations, and the quiz-level adjustment, so instructors always know what the student's total allowed time will be before saving.

Notes:

- If a student is actively taking the quiz, the tray targets that in-progress session and will not reopen a previously graded one.
- If the quiz is past its due date, all accommodation fields are disabled. A message explains why no changes can be made.
- If granting extra time would push the student's completion past the due date, an informational warning is shown. The action is not blocked.
- Combined time adjustments and reopening attempts into a single action, eliminating the need to complete two separate, sequential steps.

The screenshot displays the 'Moderate' interface for a quiz titled 'BWC100'. The left sidebar contains navigation links: Account, Dashboard, Courses, Groups, Calendar, Inbox, History, and Help. The main content area shows a table of students with columns for Student, Attempts, Score, and Time. The 'Current Quiz Accommodation' panel on the right is for Emily Boone. It includes a warning message: 'These settings apply to the current quiz only, including the in-progress attempts.' Below this, there is a toggle for 'Reduced answer choices' and tabs for 'Time Limit' and 'Attempts'. The 'Time Limit' tab is active, showing a breakdown: Quiz Time Limit (3 min), Course Accommodation (None), Time Adjustment (None), and Total (3 min). The 'Time adjustments' dropdown menu is open, showing options: None, Give additional time (selected), and Remove time limit (unlimited).

Student	Attempts	Score	Time
Ola Benson	---	---	---
Emily Boone	Attempt 1 / 1	0%	03:00
Gregory Boyd	---	---	---
Loretta Bracci	---	---	---
Mason Cain	---	---	---
Lola Clark	---	---	---

Current Quiz Accommodation

Emily Boone

These settings apply to the current quiz only, including the in-progress attempts.

☒ Reduced answer choices [?](#)

Time Limit Attempts

Quiz Time Limit: 3 min

Course Accommodation: [course level settings](#)

Time Adjustment: None

Total: 3 min

Time used: 3 min 0 sec

Time adjustments

1 None

2 Give additional time

Remove time limit (unlimited)

In the quiz accommodation tray, open the **Time adjustments** drop-down menu [1] and click the **Give additional time** option [2].

BWC100

Build Settings **Moderate** Reports Exports

Moderate

Search by name or exact ID Show All

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Reduced answer choices

Time Limit Attempts

2 Quiz Time Limit: 3 min

3 Course Accommodation: [course level settings](#)

4 Time Adjustment: +3 min

1 Total: 6 min

Time used: 3 min 0 sec

Time adjustments

Give additional time

Hours Minutes

0 3

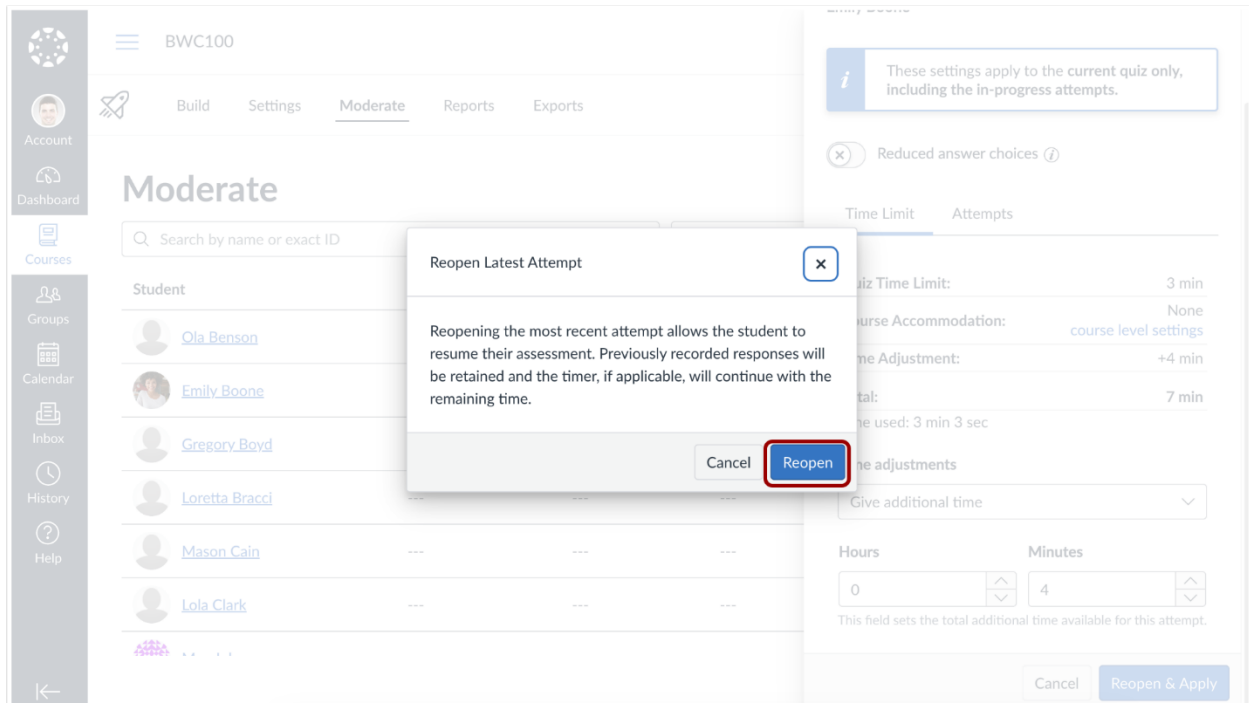
This field sets the total additional time available for this attempt.

5 Cancel Reopen & Apply

The **Total allowed time** field updates in real time as you adjust the time setting [1], showing the combined total from the quiz base time [2], any course-level accommodation [3], and the quiz-level adjustment you're making [4].

The primary action button options reflect the current state [5]:

- **Apply & Reopen:** saves time changes and reopens the attempt (shown when the session is in a graded state and time settings were changed)
- **Reopen:** reopens the attempt without changing time settings (shown when the session is in a graded state and no time settings were changed)
- **Apply:** saves changes only, without reopening (only shown when reopen is not applicable)



When clicking any Reopen button, a confirmation dialog appears. To proceed, click the **Reopen** button. The student's previous responses are retained and they can resume the attempt.

Peer Review Enhancements (available 06-22-26)

Peer Review includes an updated Allocation Engine and support for independent due dates and point values.

Allocation Engine

- The updated Allocation Engine automatically pairs students based on available submissions instead of by student.
- Peer reviews continue to be allocated until the Available Until date, if one is set.
- Instructors can manually manage reviewer pairings using Allocation Rules.
 - **Strict rules:**
 - Require or prevent specific reviewer-to-submission pairings.
 - If this option is selected and no submission is available, the student will not have a peer submission to review.
 - **Flexible rules:**

- Prioritize preferred pairings while allowing alternate assignments when needed.
- If this option is selected and no submission is available, the student will be assigned another student's submission to review.
- Allocation rules are saved and continue to be used every time the Allocation Engine runs. Rules apply on a per-assignment basis and are not shared across assignments.

Due Dates and Points

- Peer review submissions have their own independent due date, separate from the parent assignment.
- Peer review submissions have their own independent point value, separate from the parent assignment.
- Peer reviews display separately across key areas, including:
 - Modules
 - Assignments
 - To Do List (when a due date is set)
 - Traditional Gradebook View
 - SpeedGrader with Performance and Usability Upgrades

Notes:

- Supported by all assignment types that currently support peer reviews.
- Allocation rules, due dates, and points are additive; instructors who do not configure them will see behavior consistent with the current experience.
- Integrations that use public Canvas APIs for peer review data continue to work as expected. While the internal data model uses Single Table Inheritance, the API responses are simplified so consumers don't need to account for that underlying structure.
- Not supported in the mobile app (same limitation as legacy Peer Reviews).
- There is no separate list view of student pairings, as it is no longer needed. Pairings are shown where they are needed, during student review and instructor grading.
- Automatic cross-group review (for example, all students in Group A reviewing Group B) is not available, but instructors can set this up manually using Allocation Rules.
- Peer review assignments cannot be copied or sent using Copy To or Send To.
- CSV import and export are not supported for peer review assignments.

- Allocation Rules drop-down menus may not always display as expected.
- Peer Reviews are not supported in Blueprint courses.
- Peer Reviews are not included in Course Copy.
- Anonymous grading is not available for peer review sub-assignments.
- Peer Reviews are not supported in Grade by Student within SpeedGrader with Performance and Usability Upgrades.

The screenshot shows the 'Peer Reviews' configuration panel. It includes a 'Require Peer Reviews' checkbox (callout 1), 'Review Settings' with 'Reviews Required*' (callout 2) and 'Points per Peer Review' (callout 3) input fields, and a 'Total Points for Peer Review(s)' field showing 0. A section titled 'Advanced Peer Review Configurations' (callout 4) is expanded, showing 'Allocations' (checked), 'Grading' (unchecked), 'Anonymity' (unchecked), and 'Submission required' (checked).

Peer Reviews

1 ☒ Require Peer Reviews

Review Settings

2 Reviews Required* 1

3 Points per Peer Review 0

Total Points for Peer Review(s) 0

4 ☒ Advanced Peer Review Configurations

Allocations

Allow peer reviews across sections ☒

Grading

Use complete/incomplete instead of points for grading ☐

Anonymity

Reviewers do not see who they review ☐

Submission required

Reviewers must submit their assignment before they can be allocated reviews ☒

When creating an assignment:

- Select the **Require Peer Reviews** checkbox [1].
- Enter the number of required reviews [2].
- Enter the number of points per peer review (optional) [3].
- Review and make any desired selections in the Advanced Peer Review Configurations [4].

Assign Access

Assign To

Everyone X Start typing to search... ▼

Due Date **Time**

1 [Date Picker] [Time Picker] Clear

Review Due Date **Time**

2 [Date Picker] [Time Picker] Clear

Available from **Time**

[Date Picker] [Time Picker] Clear

Until **Time**

[Date Picker] [Time Picker] Clear

+ Assign To

Add the due date for the original assignment [1] and peer review due date [2] and assign to as desired.

To Read more about the new Peer Review Enhancements [click here](#).

Canvas Integrations

YuJa Verity

YuJa Verity Ensure exam integrity with test proctoring software that enables automated proctoring integrated directly within Canvas. To read more about YuJa, [click here](#) and click on the instructors tab.

Note: Instructor training sessions will be scheduled in the coming month.